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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a declaration by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, dated 26 October 1992, on the events in Tajikistan.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the Declaration circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan on the events in Tajikistan

The events in Tajikistan have undergone a further dangerous development. On 24 October one of the opposing groups occupied a number of government buildings and announced a change of power in the country. According to a statement by the group's leaders, the object of their action is the restoration in the Republic of the power existing prior to May 1992. The situation in the country remains unclear and contradictory in many respects. Tension has dramatically increased throughout the Republic; armed clashes, which have virtually degenerated into civil war, are taking place in and around Dushanbe; the territorial integrity of Tajikistan has come under serious threat. Conditions for the early delivery even of humanitarian aid to those in need are not assured.

We cannot remain indifferent to what is happening in the immediate vicinity of our borders. Kazakhstan has stood and continues to stand against the use of force in resolving any disputes and for their settlement by peaceful, political means. Our Government has repeatedly appealed to the parties to the conflict in Tajikistan to put an end to bloodshed and to take their seat at the negotiating table. Together with other countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Kazakhstan has taken active part in the peacemaking efforts. However, these have failed to yield the desired result and events have now taken a new turn fraught with unpredictable consequences.

To determine what power, what leadership it wants to have in its own country is the exclusive right of the Tajik people.

It is our wish that peace and tranquillity may reign and legality may triumph in Tajikistan. The first condition for this is civil harmony. The leadership of Kazakhstan is once again appealing to the diverse political groupings in Tajikistan to embark upon a productive political dialogue.